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1. Sergei Leonodovich Tikhvinsky, Soviet Consul General for Peiping, arrived in Mukden on 11 July and was met by L. V. Almazov, head of Torgpredstvo in Mukden, and M. K. Degtev of Churin and Company. Tikhvinsky stayed at Almazov's house while he was in Mukden. On the same day of his arrival Tikhvinsky conferred with P. G. Kostenetsky, head of the Soviet Citizens' Association, and Khristalov (full name unknown), manager of Dalbank. He also visited the Churin department store. The following day he spent in a series of conferences with local Soviet political leaders and prominent Soviet citizens. On 13 July, Tikhvinsky officially called on the various consulates and on General WEI Li-huang of NEBSH. General WEI was unable to see him but Tikhvinsky had an interview with a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. At 6:00 p.m. on 13 July, Tikhvinsky addressed a general meeting of the Soviet Citizens' Association which was attended by about 200 members. He said that he had been instructed to inspect the living conditions of the Mukden Soviet community and that although he was deeply sympathetic with those who had suffered under the difficult living conditions, limited transportation facilities would prevent repatriation from Mukden in 1948. He advised the Mukden Soviet citizens to remain in Mukden until the Soviet authorities could determine the best action to take in their behalf. He invited periodic reports on conditions in Mukden with suggestions for their improvement. He closed his speech with a promise to appeal to the Soviet authorities for relief as soon as he returned to Peiping.
3. The speech was a disappointment to many who heard it and a few persons suggested that while in Mukden Tikhvinsky set up a relief plan which could be put into effect immediately. When the meeting closed no constructive action had been taken on this matter.
4. On 14 July Tikhvinsky had a meeting with about forty of the most prominent Mukden Soviet citizens and then attended a farewell dinner party. On 15 July he returned to Peiping.

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